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COMPACT FLORIBUNDA ROSE PLANT NAMED

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A new garden rose plant of the compact floribunda class which has abundant, red flowers and attractive foliage. This new and distinct variety has shown to be uniform and stable in the resulting generations from asexual propagation.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

BOTANICAL CLASSIFICATION

Rosa hybrida

VARIETY DENOMINATION

5 'POULac011'

The present invention constitutes a new and distinct variety of garden rose plant which originated from a controlled crossing between a unnamed female parent plant and the male parent 'POULmax', described and illustrated
10 in U.S. Plant Patent Application No. 10/192,746 dated July 9, 2002. The two parents were crossed during the summer of 1992 and the resulting seeds were planted in a controlled environment in Fredensborg, Denmark. The new variety is
15 named 'POULac011'.

The new variety may be distinguished from its unnamed female seed parent, by the following characteristic:

While the seed parent has dark red flowers,
20 'Poulac011' has medium red flowers.

The new variety may be distinguished from its male pollen parent, 'POULmax' by the following combination of characteristics:

25 1. While the pollen parent 'POULmax' has a

flower bud color of Red Group 46C to 47D
the same characteristic of 'POULac011' is
Red Group 53D.

2. While the pollen parent 'POULmax' has a
petal count of 18 to 22 petals. 'POULac011'
has ~~32 petals.~~ 40 to 45 PETALS.

3. While the pollen parent 'POULmax' has a
general tonality of Red Group ~~43C,~~ 48C
'POULac011' is Red Group 52A.

The objective of the hybridization of this rose
variety was to create a new and distinct variety for
garden use with unique qualities, such as:

1. Uniform and abundant medium red flowers;
2. Flower color which does not fade;
3. Vigorous, but compact growth when
propagated both as a budded rose and on
its own roots;
4. Disease resistance;

This combination of qualities is not present in
previously available commercial cultivars of this type,
known to the inventors, and distinguish 'POULac011' from
all other varieties of which we are aware.

As part of their rose development program, L.

Pernille Olesen and Mogens N. Olesen germinated the seeds

from the aforementioned hybridization during winter of 1992 and conducted evaluations on the resulting seedlings in a controlled environment in Fredensborg, Denmark.

5 'POULac011' was selected in the spring 1993 by the inventors as a single plant from the progeny of the aforementioned hybridization.

Asexual reproduction of 'POULac011' by traditional budding and rooted cuttings was first done by L. Pernille and Mogens N. Olesen in their nursery in Fredensborg, 10 Denmark in July, 1993. This initial and other subsequent asexual propagations conducted in controlled environments have demonstrated that the characteristics of 'POULac011' are true to type and are transmitted from one generation to the next.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The accompanying color illustration shows as true as is reasonably possible to obtain in color photographs of 20 this type, the typical characteristics of the buds, flowers, leaves, and stems, of 'POULac011'. Specifically illustrated in the drawing: SHEET 1:

Fig 1.1; Open flower, and stem showing cluster
of open flowers, branching, and the
25 attachment of leaves, buds, and

peduncles;

Fig 1.2; Flower buds at various stages of
opening.

Specifically illustrated in SHEET 2:

- 5 Fig 2.1; Sepals, receptacle, and peduncle;
 Fig 2.2; Mature leaf;
 Fig 2.3; Flower petals, detached;
 Fig 2.4; Juvenile and mature bare stem
 exhibiting thorns;
10 Fig 2.5; Juvenile leaf exhibiting anthocyanin
 at leaf margins, veins, and rachis.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE VARIETY

15 The following is a description of 'POULac011', as
observed in its growth in a field nursery in Jackson
County, Oregon. Observed plants are 3 years of age. Plants
were grown on *Rosa multiflora* rootstock. Color references
are made using the Royal Horticultural Society (London,
20 England) Colour Chart, 1995, except where common terms of
color are used.

 For a comparison, several physical characteristics
of the rose variety 'POULac006', a rose variety from the
same inventors described and illustrated in U.S. Plant
25 Patent Application No. 10/342,702 dated January 14, 2003,

are compared to 'POULac011' in Chart 1.

CHART 1

	'POULac011'	'POULac006'
General tonality	Red Group 52A to 52B with light intonations of Red-Purple Group 67B	Red Group 40A
Petalage	40 petals <u>40 to 45</u>	35 to 40 petals
Flower diameter	50 mm	60 mm

Parents:

Female Seed Parent: Unnamed plant.

Male Pollen Parent: 'POULmax'.

FLOWER AND FLOWER BUD

Blooming habit: Continuous.

Flower bud:

Size: Upon opening, 25 mm in length from base of receptacle to end of bud.

Bud diameter is 12 mm on average.

Bud form: Pointed ovoid with slightly broadened base.

Bud color: As sepals unfold, petals are Red Group 53D.

Sepals:

Upper Surface:

Color: Yellow-Green Group 146C.

Pubescence: Surfaces of sepals

5 are moderately pubescent.

Lower Surface:

Color: Yellow-Green Group 144A.

Anthocyanic pigments the
color of Greyed-Purple

10 Group 183A observed.

Sepal Shape: Sepal apex is cirrhose.
Base is flat at union with
receptacle.

15 Sepal Margin: Margins have no
foliaceous appendages on
three of the five sepals.
Stipitate glands medium to
few quantity.

Size: 30 mm (l) x 7 mm (w).

20 Receptacle:

Surface Texture:

Smooth and glabrous.

Shape: Urn-shaped.

Size: 10 mm (h) x 7 mm (w).

25 Color: Yellow-Green Group 144A.

Strong intonations of
anthocyanic pigments the
color of Greyed-Purple
Group 183A observed.

5 PEDICEL: ~~Peduncle:~~

Surface: Smooth with stipitate
glands.

Length: 40 to 60 mm average
length.

10 Diameter 2 mm.
Color: Yellow-Green Group 144B.

Anthocyanic pigments the
color of Greyed-Red Group
181A to Greyed-Purple
Group 187C observed.

15 Strength: Strong.

Borne: In clusters of 7 flower
buds per stem.

Flower bloom:

20 Fragrance: Light floral scent.

Duration: The blooms have a duration
on the plant of
approximately 7 to 10
days. Petals fall cleanly
away from plant after

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flowers fully mature.

Size: Flower diameter is 50 mm when
open. Flower depth is 23 mm on
average.

Form:

General: Flower shape is a shallow cup
with slightly overlapping
petals.

Shape of flower when viewed from the side:

Upon opening, upper part: Flat.

Upon opening, lower part: Concave.

Open flower, upper part: Flat.

Open flower, lower part: Concave.

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Petalage: to 45
40 [✓] petals under normal conditions ,
~~with 6 petaloids.~~ 5 to 10 of which

Flower Color: ARE PETALIDS.

Upon opening, petals:

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Outermost petals:

Outer side: Red Group 52A with
intonations of Red-Purple
Group 67B.

Inner Side: Red Group 52A to 52B.

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Innermost petals:

- Outer side: Red Group 52A with
intonations of Red-Purple
Group 67B.
- Inner Side: Red Group 52A to 52B.
- 5 Upon opening, basal petal spots:
- Outermost petals:
- Outer side: White Group 155A with
basal point Yellow Group
5C.
- 10 Inner Side: White Group 155A with
basal point Yellow Group
5B.
- Innermost petals:
- Outer side: White Group 155A with
15 center point Yellow Group
5C.
- Inner Side: White Group 155A with
basal point Yellow Group
5B.
- 20 After opening, petals:
- Outermost petals:
- Outer side: Red Group 52A with
intonations of Red-Purple
Group 67B.
- 25 Inner Side: Red Group 52A.

Innermost petals:

Outer side: Red Group 52A with
intonations of Red-Purple
Group 67B.

5 Inner Side: Red Group 52A.

After opening, basal petal spots:

Outermost petals:

10 Outer side: White Group 155A with
basal point Yellow Group
5C.

Inner Side: White Group 155A with
basal point Yellow Group
5B.

Innermost petals:

15 Outer side: White Group 155A with
basal point Yellow Group
5C.

20 Inner Side: White Group 155A with
basal point Yellow Group
5B.

General Tonality: On open flowers are Red Group
52A to 52B with light
intonations of Red-Purple Group
25 67B. No change in the general

Pollen:

None observed.

Anthers:

Size: 3 mm in length.

5 Color: Greyed-Orange Group 163A.

Quantity: 50 (actual count).

Filaments:

10 Color: Yellow Group 1B at base
with light intonations of
Greyed-Red Group 182B.

Length: 5 mm.

Stigmas: Even relative to the
filament length and height
of the anthers.

15 Color: Yellow Group 7B.

Styles:

Color: Greyed-Red Group 181C.

LENGTH: 8mm on average.

Hips: None Observed in the field nursery in
Jackson County Oregon.

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PLANT

Plant growth: Moderate, upright to bushy. When
grown as a budded field grown plant
on *Rosa multiflora* understock, the
average height of the plant is 40 to
25 60 cm and the average width is 40 cm.

Stems:

Color:

Young wood: Yellow-Green Group 144A to
146B.

5 Older wood: Yellow-Green Group 144A to
146B.

Surface Texture:

Young wood: Smooth.

Older wood: Smooth.

10 Thorns:

Incidence: 11 thorns per 10 cm of stem.

Size: Average length: 8 mm.

JUVENILE Color: Greyed-Purple Group 184A.
MATURE COLOR: GREYED YELLOW GROUP 161A.
Shape: Deeply concave to concave.

15 Plant foliage: Normal number of leaflets on
normal leaves in middle of the
stem: 7 leaflets.

Compound Leaf size: 110 mm in length by 70 mm
wide on average.

20 Color:

Mature Foliage:

Upper surface is: Yellow-Green
Group 146A.

Lower surface is: Yellow-Green
Group 146B.

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Juvenile foliage:

Upper surface is: Yellow-Green

Group 146B.

Lower surface is: Yellow-Green

Group 146C.

Anthocyanin:

Location: Margins and lower surfaces
of juvenile foliage.

Color: Greyed-Purple Group 184B.

10 Plant leaves and leaflets:

Stipules:

Size: 20 to 24 mm in length.

Quantity: 2 per compound leaf.

Margins: Finely serrated with
medium quantity stipitate
glands.

Color: Yellow-Green Group 146C.

Anthocyanin:

Location: At margins.

Color: Greyed-Red Group 183C.

Petiole:

Length: 45 mm.

DIAMETER 1.5 mm.

Color: Yellow-Green Group 146B.

Underneath: Prickles stipitate glands
observed in low quantity.

Rachis:

Length: 23 to 30 mm.
Color: Yellow-Green Group 146B.
Underneath: Prickles stipitate glands
observed in low quantity.

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Leaflet:

Margin: Serrated.
Shape: Generally ovate to round.
Apex is mucronate. Base
is rounded.

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Texture: Smooth.
Thickness: Average to thick.
Arrangement: Odd pinnate.
Venation: Reticulate.
Glossiness: Moderately glossy.
Leaflet Size: 30 to 35 mm (l) x 22 to 31
mm (w).

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Disease resistance:

Above average resistance to mildew, rust, black
spot, and Botrytis under normal growing conditions in
Jackson County, Oregon.

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Cold Hardiness:

The variety 'POULac011' has been found to be cold
tolerant to USDA Cold Hardiness Zone 6.

CLAIM

5 A new and distinct variety of rose plant of the
compact floribunda rose class, substantially as herein
illustrated and described as a distinct and novel rose
variety due to its abundant red flowers, disease
resistance, and extended period of bloom.